



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: July 19, 2016
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Mark Cuneo, City Engineer
Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation
Samer Elayyan, Project Manager
Subject: North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project
Attachments: None

INTRODUCTION

Bids for the construction of the North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project were received on June 16, 2016. The scope of work includes reconstruction of the entire roadway between Doheny Drive and Wilshire Boulevard. Staff has evaluated the bids and recommends a construction contract is awarded to Griffith Company, the lowest responsible bidder. Proposals for construction management services for this project were received and evaluated by staff and a representative of the Public Works Commission. Staff recommends approval of a professional services agreement for construction management and public outreach with Berg & Associates, Inc., the most qualified firm. Additionally, staff recommends approval of an amendment to an agreement with Psomas for additional design/engineer-of-record services required during the construction phase of this project. Staff presented the abovementioned recommendations at the Ad-Hoc meeting on July 6, 2016.

Upon award/approval of these contracts, staff, in conjunction with the Contractor and Construction Manager, will develop a work plan including a construction schedule, phasing plan and traffic control/traffic mitigation measures. Staff will present the work plan to the Traffic & Parking and Public Works Commissions for review prior to returning to City Council. It is anticipated that the work plan will be presented to the City Council at the August 25, 2016, City Council Study Session for approval. In addition, staff will continue providing outreach and notification to the community about this project prior to beginning construction.

DISCUSSION

Award of Construction Contract

The plans and specifications for the project were completed by the consulting engineering firm, Psomas in April 2016. On April 29, 2016, a Notice to Bidders was published in the Beverly Hills Courier, the Beverly Hills Weekly, several online industry advertisers and on the City's website. On June 16, 2016, six bids were received and publicly opened in the City Clerk's Office. Bid results were as follows:

1. Griffith Company:	\$17,626,216
2. Sully-Miller:	\$18,170,000
3. All American Asphalt:	\$19,255,000
4. Excel Paving:	\$19,647,103
5. W.A. Rasic:	\$23,525,000
6. Shawnan:	\$23,554,850

The Engineer's construction estimate prepared by Psomas was \$25.5M. Staff tabulated and reviewed all bids and determined that Griffith Company is a responsible bidder and a qualified contractor based on similar projects they have constructed for other agencies and prior projects for the City of Beverly Hills, including the Gateway project at Wilshire Boulevard and Whittier Drive and the Business Triangle Urban Design project. Staff recommends a construction contract be awarded to Griffith Company for the reconstruction of North Santa Monica Boulevard in the amount of \$19,741,000. This amount includes a \$2,117,784 contingency (12%) for unforeseen conditions that may be encountered during construction.

Award of Construction Management Services Contract

In order to provide planning, management, oversight and public outreach for this significant construction project, staff recommends hiring an experienced construction management consultant. The scope of work for the construction management firm will include the administration and financial management of the construction contract; quality assurance (inspection and materials testing services); and community relations and support of the public information/outreach program. A Request for Proposals was advertised on June 2, 2016, for construction management and public outreach services for this project. Two proposals were received on June 20, 2016, from Anderson-Penna, and Berg and Associates, Inc. Both firms were subsequently interviewed by City staff, a Public Works Commissioner and consultant project manager on June 30, 2016. The interview panel concurred that both firms were well qualified. Follow up meetings with the proposed full-time construction managers of both firms were held on July 6, 2016, and it was concluded that Berg and Associates, Inc. was the most qualified firm to provide the requested services. Staff recommends that a contract for the construction management and public outreach services be awarded to Berg and Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,397,000

Amendment to Design Agreement

Psomas has been providing design services for the North Santa Monica Boulevard since the approval of their contract in June 2013. The current contract is in an amount not to exceed \$1,940,730. The original contract included budget for design support/engineer-

of-record services during the construction phase. However, during the design phase, Psomas provided additional necessary services that were not included in their original scope of work. Additional services included potholing for underground utilities, soil testing for arsenic along the entire length of the project, bio-swale design on the north side of the boulevard and the design of the expansion of the City's fiber optic network within the project limits. Therefore, in order to provide services required during construction, staff recommends that City Council approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 197-13 with Psomas to compensate for the additional services provided and to provide additional design and construction support services during construction of the project in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for a total contract amount of \$2,040,730.

Traffic Mitigation

In an effort to minimize the traffic impacts and expedite the construction of this project, staff has started discussions with the contractor's construction and traffic control teams and requested they develop work plans for various options for phasing and traffic control. Each option will demonstrate the traffic impacts and associated mitigation and the total anticipated duration of the project. Subsequently, staff and the construction management firm will review and analyze work plan options, including the construction schedule, phasing plan and traffic control and application of "Neighborhood Traffic Management Toolbox" as recommended by the Traffic & Parking Commission in November 2015. These items will be presented to the Traffic and Parking and the Public Works Commissions on their August 4, and August 11, 2016, meetings, respectively. Staff will take the Commissions' recommendations in consideration and present the proposed construction work plan, to City Council on August 25, 2016.

Public Outreach

With the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction project, Metro Subway Station construction and other infrastructure and private development projects, City staff has formed an inter-department team to develop a public outreach/communications plan and coordinate the projects. In addition, staff will work the construction management firm to update the public outreach program recommended by the Traffic & Parking Commission for North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project. The program will include, but not be limited to, the establishment of a 24-hour project hotline, the preparation and dissemination of written and electronic public information material before and during construction, preparation and distribution of construction notices, maintenance of project information and status updates on the City's website and various social media outlets, and attending community meetings to provide information and answer questions. Staff recognizes that there will be an overlap between the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction project and Metro Subway Station construction and will continue to work closely with the construction and the construction management firms to evaluate and coordinate the work to alleviate the traffic impacts and noise.

Project Schedule

The estimated duration of construction is approximately 18 months. Staff will return to City Council on August 25, 2016, with an updated project schedule taking into consideration the holiday shopping season and other City activities.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of funds required for the North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction project is as follows:

Planning and Design Services (Psomas):	\$ 2,040,730
Construction Contract (Griffith Company):	\$19,741,000
Construction Management (Berg & Associates):	\$ 2,397,000

Total: \$24,178,730

Funds for these contracts are available in the Capital Improvement Budget in CIP No. 0889.

RECOMMENDATION

This report provides an update on the North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction project and staff's plans to bring forward for City Council's consideration the award of a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Griffith Company; a construction management professional services agreement to Berg and Associates, Inc.; and an amendment to an agreement with Psomas for additional design and engineering services at the July 19, 2016, City Council formal session.



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